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1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT UGANDA TROOPS HAVE BEEN SEEN MOVING TOWARD TANZANIA BORDER IN FORCE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON NUMBERS, DISPOSITION OR INTENT AT THIS TIME. GENERAL AMIN HAS RECENTLY PUT HIS FORCES ON ALERT AND HAS SAID HE ANTICIPATES SOME HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST UGANDA. WHETHER HE DOES REALLY EXPECT SUCH ACTION, IT GETTING READY TO INVADE TANZANIA HIMSELF, OR IS TRYING TO GET HIS ARMY TOGETHER AND UNDER CONTROL AGAIN ARE PURELY SPECULATIVE QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT. THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO INVADE TANZANIA IS FOOLISH FROM ANY LOGICAL POINT OF VIEW, BUT LOGIC IS NOT AMIN'S STRONG SUIT. THAT TANZANIA INVADE UGANDA IS RIDICULOUS, BUT THEN AMIN OFTEN BELIEVES THE RIDICULOUS THE THIRD CHOICE, TRYING TO GET HIS ARMY UNDER CONTROL, THEREFORE SEEMS BEST BET. CONFIDENTIAL

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WM CHARGE AND FS INSPECTOR LUPPI RECEIVED CONTRARY INDICATION FROM WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR KOPF IN CONVERSATION MARCH 22. KOPF HEARD FROM HEAD OF GERMAN FILM TEAM WHICH WORKS WITH UGANDA TV THAT NO TROOP MOVEMENTS OR MILITARY VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED BY HIS TEAM, WHICH IN PAST TWO DAYS HAS BEEN FILMING IN AREA SOUTH OF MASAKA TOWARD AND BELOW KALISIZO. TEAM DID NOT GO AS FAR SOUTH AS MUTUKULA (OM BORDER), HOWEVER.

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